

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT OPERATIONS**

Applicant:	Bringewatt, W. et al.	Art Unit: 3749
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Title:	METHOD FOR THE DRYING OF LAUNDRY AND CORRESPONDING DEVICE	

Customer No.: 25461

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

31 October 2007

Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination in connection with this patent application. Prior to conducting the continued examination, please amend the claims as follows.

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STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-11 and 13-24 are pending and are under final rejection in an Office Action dated 1 May 2007.

Applicant is filing contemporaneously herewith a Request for Continued Examination along with the requisite fee for a large entity.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

A separate Petition for a Three-Month Extension of time up to and including 1 November 2007 is enclosed, along with the requisite fee for a large entity.

NO EXCESS CLAIMS FEE

This preliminary amendment results in seven (7) total claims and two (2) independent claims. As Applicant has paid the fee for twenty-three (23) total claims and three (3) independent claims, no excess claims fee is due.